

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

**S. 884.** *A bill to improve port-of-entry infrastructure along the Southwest border of the United States, to establish grants to improve port-of-entry facilities, to designate a port-of-entry as a port technology demonstration site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.*

Domenici

*Pages S 4940, S 4945-6*

**S. 887.** A bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1986 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Wellstone

*Pages S 4940, S 4948-9*

**S. 889.** *A bill to protect consumers in managed care plans and in other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.*

*"... Importantly, the legislation includes new, expanded remedies to hold health plans accountable in federal court. As I have often said, litigation should be a last resort. But when patients have been harmed by a health plan delay or denial of care, or where a plan refuses to comply with an external review decision, patients should be allowed to enforce those rights in Federal court..."*

Frist

*Pages S 4940, S 4951-3*

**S. 890.** A bill to ***require criminal background checks*** on all firearms transactions occurring at events that provide a venue for the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or exchange of firearms, and to provide additional resources for gun crime enforcement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

McCain

*Pages S 4940, S 4953-7*

#### S.1. Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization:

*Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:*

*Pages S 4901-32, D 444*

##### Adopted:

***Brownback/Kohl Amendment No. 413 (to Amendment No. 358)***, to provide for a study regarding the effects on children of exposure to violent entertainment, and to require the National Assessment of Educational Progress to gather information regarding how much time children spend on various forms of entertainment.

*Pages S 4914-16, D 444*

***Byrd Modified Amendment No. 564 (to Amendment No. 358)***, to encourage States to require each expelled or suspended student to perform community service for the period of the expulsion or suspension.

*Pages S 4921, D 444*

By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 104), ***McCain Amendment No. 477 (to Amendment No. 358)***, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the transmittal of **S. 27**, Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001, as passed by the Senate on April 2, 2001, to the House of Representatives.

*Pages S 4921-6, S 4930-1, D 444*

##### Pending:

***Jeffords Amendment No. 358***, in the nature of a substitute.

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#### S.1. Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization (Cont'd.):

***Biden Amendment No. 386 (to Amendment No. 358)***, to establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems, by providing school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools.

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***Helms Amendment No. 648 (to Amendment No. 574)***, in the nature of a substitute.

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#### **Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002.

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**Committee on the Judiciary:** *Committee concluded hearings on the implementation of the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (P.L. 106-561), which authorized resources for state and local crime laboratories for personnel, facilities, training, and equipment, focusing on DNA crime labs.*

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**United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:** Caucus concluded hearings to examine counter drug interdiction strategy and operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, known as the Transit Zone.

*Pages D 446-7*

#### **Committee Meeting For Wednesday, May 16, 2001:**

**Committee on Appropriations:** @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Sargent at Arms, ***United States Capitol Police Board***, and Office of Compliance. SD-124.

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### **HOUSE**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

**H.R. 1831.** A bill to *provide certain relief for small businesses from liability* under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Gillmor

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**H.R. 1841.** *A bill to amend the definition of a law enforcement officer under subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, respectively, to ensure the inclusion of certain positions; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

Filner

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#### **Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):**

**H.R. 1846.** A bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to require schools and libraries

receiving universal service assistance to block access to Internet services that enable users to access the World Wide Web and transfer electronic mail in an anonymous manner; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Grucci

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**H.R. 1847.** *A bill to require the Attorney General to identify organizations that recruit juveniles to participate in violent and illegal activities related to the environment or to animal rights; and to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide assistance to States to carry out activities to prevent the participation of juveniles in such activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.*

Grucci

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**H.R. 1856.** A bill to provide relief from Federal tax liability arising from the settlement of claims brought by African American farmers against the Department of Agriculture for discrimination in farm credit and benefit programs and to exclude amounts received under such settlement from means-based determinations under programs funded in whole or in part with Federal funds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Watts

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**Report Filed:**

**Report was filed today as follows:**

**H. Res. 142**, providing for consideration of **H.R. 1836**, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 (House Report 107-68).

*Pages H 2182, D 447*

**Referral:**

**S. 166, James Guelff Body Armor Act of 2001**, was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Government Reform.

*Pages H 2181, D 448*

**Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the “*Reauthorization of the United States Department of Justice Part II--Criminal Law Components at Main Justice.*”

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the “*INS and the Executive Office for Immigration Review.*”

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**Committee Meetings For Wednesday, May 16, 2001:**

**Committee on Appropriations, @ 10:00 a.m.** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on FBI. H-309 Capitol.

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, @ 11:00 a.m. To mark up the following: 11 (b) Project Building Survey Resolutions; GSA Resolutions; and other pending business. 2167 Rayburn.**  
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**Remarks:**

Time To Investigate The FBI.

Trafficant

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Introduction Of The Small Business Liability Protection Act. **(H.R. 1831)**

Gillmor

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Support **H.R. 10** (Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act).

Quinn

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**Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2002 And 2003.**

*"...The ICC would do nothing to diminish the role a U.S. court would have in bringing to trial accused war criminals if they were American citizens. In fact, the ICC could only intervene in trying Americans in the very unlikely event that the American judicial system would be unwilling or unable to try a case..."*

McCollum

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**Introduction Of The Black Farmers Fairness Act Of 2001. (H.R. 1586)**

*"... In 1998, the House extended the 'statute of limitations' for the black farmer lawsuit--allowing justice to run its full course. Without this provision, many of these farmers would have not been legally permitted to receive consideration for the civil rights complaints. Before this provision, government attorneys argued that they could not settle complaints beyond the two-year period of each complaint..."*

Watts

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., May 16, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., May 16, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich**